

ESTABLISHED 1861

CRISIS

Is Facing the First Congressional District E. T. Weir Declares.

WORKMEN'S FUTURE

Welfare Depends upon What the Voters Do at Polls in November.

Hon. George A. Laughlin, candidate for congressman in the First district, is using in his speech another letter from a man whose business genius is to help to make the First district the largest producer of tin plate in the United States.

The first letter was from Mr. William U. Follansbee, and the second is from Mr. E. T. Weir, of Weirton, West Virginia, where is located one of the largest tin plate plants in the country.

In reference to the Follansbee letter, which has been so much discussed everywhere through the state, and especially in the First district, it will be remembered that Mr. Laughlin in a speech at Wheeling said:

"I have a letter in my pocket from Mr. William U. Follansbee, of Follansbee Brothers Company—a large and well posted manufacturer of tin plate in Brooke county—to the effect that if the Underwood bill had passed, the mill at Clarksburg would have had to close down entirely. I am sure that it would have been a matter of deep regret to Congressman Davis if the tin mill in his own town, or, in fact, any other mill had been compelled to shut down, but this or a radical reduction in wages would have been the result had President Taft signed the Underwood bill, as voted for by Mr. Davis."

The letter that Mr. Laughlin received from Mr. Weir, and which he is now making use of in his splendid tariff talks to the workmen and to the people of the district, explains itself, and is as follows:

PHILLIPS SHEET AND TEN PLATE COMPANY MILLS

Weirton, W. Va., Clarksburg, W. Va., Steubenville, O., General Offices

Weirton, W. Va., October 7, 1912

E. T. Weir,

President,

Mr. George A. Laughlin,

Wheeling, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

I am so impressed with the crisis facing our First West Virginia district that I feel compelled to address you on the subject.

Nobody who gives the matter practical consideration can dispute the fact that the tin plate industry has been developed entirely on a protective tariff basis; while the industry has gradually grown strong, it has not reached the point where we can compete with the cheap labor of Europe. The protection (?) afforded by the Underwood bill would make it possible for foreign plates to control our markets and we would see an enormous development of the American industry. My own company would immediately lose a large and growing tonnage on the Pacific coast, and our Clarksburg plant would suffer first as they are the chief shippers to that territory.

Now, then, the question is: Why should the present condition be disturbed? It is beyond dispute that the 6,100 employees in the tin mills in the First district are prosperous, happy and contented; they work under good conditions and are a benefit to the community at large. Go abroad and the conditions are just the reverse.

Now why should any practical reasoning man who has the interests of his district and his country at heart want to change the conditions? There is no use of going into a lot of statistics, because the situation is so clear and apparent that it is only the blind theorist that cannot see. Do we want to throw the employees out of work? Do we want to cut their wages? Do we want to decrease their buying power? If so subscribe to the theories of the party and the men who have had no practical experience, the men whose bread and butter will not be affected. If we want the present prosperity and expansion in the First district, if we want high wages, steady employment and prosperous labor, then let well enough alone and subscribe to the good old Republican doctrine of protection to home industries. It seems to me that to the practical thinking man the choice is easy and with all my heart I hope the choice will be

"IS DEMOCRACY'S SUICIDE PENDING?"

"Is Democracy's Suicide Pending?" That question was asked by the Clarksburg Exponent January 14, 1911.

The Exponent as shown by its own utterances based the question on the election of William E. Chilton to the United States Senate, and the Exponent declared emphatically that **THE REPUDIATION AND OVERTHROW OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, WITH WILLIAM E. CHILTON AS THE MAN THEY HAD SENT TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE, WOULD BE FAR MORE DECISIVE AND DISASTROUS.** * * * *

Such foresight was extraordinary for a newspaper now so blind under the mesmerism of Watson, but no more than all knew. In its struggles now to make the people believe that Chilton is an ideal leader and a great senator, the Exponent has its own unbiased, unprejudiced, unthought words uttered before the benign influences of Watson were known now constantly staring it in the face reproving it for its reckless and wanton departure from its former utterances and well taken position. Read what it said about Chilton and the Democratic party and you will agree from the present situation that the Exponent's first expressions were actually prophetic for what it then is coming to pass and the party suicide will be complete when the polls close November 5:

Our information from Charleston is to the effect that William E. Chilton, of Kanawha county, has more votes pledged to him for the election of Scott's seat than has any other aspirant for the senatorial toga, although it is stated that he decidedly lacks a majority of the Democratic members of the House and Senate.

It is difficult to believe that a majority of the Democrats who were elected last November to represent the people of West Virginia, will regard themselves as commissioned to send to the United States Senate a man who so nearly approaches the calibre of Nathan Bay Scott as does William E. Chilton, of Kanawha county, who is best known as the political manager and political boss of that county and of the Southern portion of the state.

Surely, the people of West Virginia are not indebted in any sense of the word to William E. Chilton. They owe him nothing. Consequently, there is no reason why he should be given the highest office within the gift of the people.

As for the Democracy of West Virginia, it would cease to be a militant party under the leadership of Chilton. The repudiation and overthrow of the Democratic party, with William E. Chilton as the man they had sent to the United States Senate, would be far more decisive and disastrous than was the recent overthrow of Republicanism under the leadership of Scott. There are thousands and thousands of men throughout the state—men of character, and men of substance—who, in spite of their affiliation with the Democratic party, could not—and hence would not—conscientiously ask their fellowmen to vote to uphold Democracy if it was burdened with the load that William E. Chilton would surely prove to be. Democracy's course, under such circumstances, would be wholly hopeless from the start. And therefore, we ask, is Democracy's suicide pending?—Clarksburg Exponent, January 14, 1911.

CLASH IS CERTAIN IN TROUBLE ZONE

GOVERNOR WILSON

Does Not Want to Come to West Virginia to Make Campaign Speeches.

PRINCETON, Oct. 16.—Governor Wilson made an effort today to cancel his speaking engagements in Delaware, West Virginia and Pittsburgh but found it impossible to do so. In his speeches the next three days he will make no reference to the Progressive party and except for a speech in New York the last of October he will do no more campaigning after Saturday until Roosevelt takes the stump again.

HELPS TURKEY.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Conclusion of peace between Italy and Turkey removes the grave possibility of complications arising out of the Balkan crisis. It leaves Turkey free to prosecute war with her neighbors and enables Italy to take her place in the concert of powers.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—December wheat closed 92 2-4, corn 63 3-4, oats 22.

TAKING DEGREES.

Thirty Clarksburg Masons are in Wheeling today taking Scottish Rite degrees.

right on election day.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) E. T. WEIR.

BOSTON

Boys Win the Game and the Series and Are Now the Champions.

WINNERS OF BATTLE

Also Win the Series and the Championship of the World.

Final Score.

	R.	H.	E.
New York	2	9	2
Boston	3	8	5

BOSTON, Oct. 16.—The climax in the baseball season came today in the eighth game of the world's series between the Giants and Red Sox, with the title of champions and the major share of the players' profits which go with it at stake.

The weather was cold with the temperature a little above the forty mark.

Hugh Bedient, who bested New York with Mathewson pitching last Saturday, was groomed to take the mound for the Red Sox, while Mathewson warmed up for the Giants; but with so much depending on the game, neither manager was content to risk their fortunes on one man.

Bedient and Cady started as the battery for Boston and Mathewson and Meyers for New York.

First Inning.

First half—Devore went out Wagner to Stahl. Doyle went out Wagner to Stahl. Snodgrass walked and stole second. Murray went out Gardner to Stahl. No runs, no hits and one error.

Second half—Hooper went out to Merkle unassisted. Yerkes struck out. Speaker made a two base hit. Lewis struck out. No runs, one hit and no errors.

Second Inning.

First half—Merkle struck out. Herzog flied out to Speaker. Meyers came when Gardner let his hit roll between his legs. Fletcher singled, Meyers taking second. Mathewson flied out to Speaker. No runs, one hit and two errors.

Second half—Gardner walked and was forced at second, when Doyle took Stahl's grounder, and tossed the ball to Fletcher. Wagner singled to left, Stahl taking second. Cady flied out to Merkle. Bedient went out Doyle to Merkle. No runs, one hit and no errors.

Third Inning.

First half—Devore walked. Doyle went out Gardner to Stahl. Devore going to second. Snodgrass went out to Stahl unassisted. Devore went to third, scoring on Murray's two base hit. Merkle went out Wagner to Stahl. One run, one hit and one error.

Second half—Hooper went out Doyle to Merkle. Yerkes went out Mathewson to Merkle. Speaker struck out. No runs, no hits and no errors.

Fourth Inning.

First half—Herzog hit for two bases. Meyers sacrificed, Gardner to Stahl. Herzog going to third. Fletcher flied out to Gardner. Mathewson flied to Hooper. No runs, one hit and no errors.

Second half—Lewis went out Fletcher to Merkle. Snodgrass dropped Gardner's long fly, but he went out at third on a relay from Snodgrass to Doyle to Herzog. The official scorer gave Gardner a two base hit. Stahl struck out. No runs, one hit and no errors.

Fifth Inning.

First half—Devore got an infield hit and went out stealing. Cady to Wagner. Doyle flied out to Hooper, the catch preventing a home run. Snodgrass singled to left. Murray fouled out to Cady. No runs, two hits and no errors.

Second half—Wagner flied out to Murray. Cady flied out to Murray. Bedient flew out to Devore. Mathewson retired Boston with only three pitched balls.

Sixth Inning.

First half—Merkle flied out to Hooper. Herzog went out Wagner to Stahl. Meyers walked. Fletcher struck out. No runs, no hits and no errors.

Second half—Hooper popped out to Merkle. Yerkes singled to right. Speaker walked, Yerkes going to second. Speaker was forced at second, when Fletcher took Lewis's grounder and tossed the ball to Doyle. Yerkes went to third on the play. On an attempt at a double steal Yerkes went out at third on

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WILL THEY BE TRUSTED AGAIN?

Leading Democratic editors condemn their party's weak and corrupt legislators.

Albert S. Johnson, a Democrat of prominence, editorially in his newspaper, the "Monroe Watchman," characterized the methods of the bosses of his party as "an amazing stultification of the Democratic party." He goes into details in an issue published during the legislature of 1911, and says: "We have positive information that \$150,000 was expressed here last week for the purpose of corrupting the delegates. This information comes direct from such sources as render it absolutely reliable and proof is obtained to a moral and legal certainty. Two experts are here from Wall Street, New York, to do the buying. Evidence has come to light indicating that four delegates have been approached; one offered \$5,000, one \$2,500, one to make his own figure, and one senator offered \$10,000 and the attorneyship for the Consolidation Coal Company, Watson's company."

"The Panhandle News," a Democratic paper, edited by Col. George S. Curtis, a Democrat of the old school, published the following editorials on the action of the Democrats in the last legislature:

"We have been familiar with the history of legislation, both national and state, since before we reached our majority, but we have never known a body of law makers that has shown such subservience to ring rule—such perfidy to, disregard for and betrayal of, the wishes of their constituents and violation of party pledges as Democrats in both Houses have shown. For brazen hypocrisy and servile obedience to special interests and their candidates, their conduct is unparalleled. * * * The forty 'true, good Democrats' will have to clear themselves of the charge of doing the bidding of Wall Street and the 'Special Interests' and push through the investigation of bribery charged before their constituents will have confidence enough in them to trust them again."

"The West Union Record," the official and only Democratic paper in Doddridge county, denounced the action of the Democratic bosses, and spoke of their acts in the legislature, as follows:

"The honest Democrats of the state have all along contended that our last legislature violated the party pledges and was the most corrupt that ever assembled in the history of our commonwealth. Now we have the evidence right from the mouth of the Democratic leaders of the legislature that practically everything promised the people was sacrificed. And SACRIFICED FOR WHAT?"

That a damnable, odious deal entered into by a gang of disreputable Charleston and Fairmont politicians might be carried out or executed. Sacrificed for what? That a few scoundrels might increase their bank accounts and two ambitious politicians and agents of the big monied interests might be given seats in the American House of Lords."

"The Shepherdstown Register," one of Democracy's oldest and most faithful advocates spoke of the election of the two senators as follows:

"That a very considerable number of senators and members of the House of Delegates sold their votes at Charleston to the successful senatorial combination is beyond the shadow of a doubt—indeed, certain men are pointed out as they walk as grafters who betrayed their constituents for money. What brand of shame they bear!

Shirley Mitchell, a life-long Democrat, and editor of the "News," the official paper of the Democratic party in Wirt county, condemned the last legislature, and gave his reasons in the most vigorous language. In an editorial the week following the adjournment, he said:

"The legislature of this state adjourned last Saturday morning, and if it had never met the Democratic party of this commonwealth would now be far better off—if it would have fewer political sins, both of omission and of commission, to answer for to the people.

"As to Wirt county, nothing that the Democrats demanded in their platform was done and in the matter of the election of United States senators our delegate totally disregarded the wishes of an overwhelming majority of his party.

"In loyalty to Democratic principles the News yields to none and it has the supremest contempt for any man or set of men who will barter those principles for private gain."

YOU CAN'T VOTE THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET THIS YEAR WITHOUT VOTING TO HELP THE WATSON-CHILTON-MAC CORKLE BOSSES, AND ENDORSING THE SALE FOR CASH OF TWO SEATS IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE. REMEMBER THAT.

PARENTS

Are Asked to Take Notice of Announcement of a Temperance Meeting.

The First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school has charge of the regular preaching service in that church next Sunday morning, the subject of which is temperance. It has asked the Loyal Temperance Legion to repeat, at that time, the demonstration it gave Friday night at the state Woman's Christian Temperance Union convention. Please bear the same in mind and send your children to the regular Loyal Temperance Legion meeting Friday afternoon at 4

MR. ADAMS

A Noted Lecturer is Making Several Addresses in This City.

Hon. J. G. Adams, of Texas, a noted lecturer, is in the city, and will lecture on the streets this evening and each evening this week. Next Sunday, October 20, a men's mass meeting will be held at the

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TEDDY

Awakes Feeling Fine As He Expresses It Himself and is Hungry.

CONDITION IS GOOD

And He Eagerly Waits for Physicians to See about An Operation.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Colonel Roosevelt awoke at 6:20 o'clock after three hours of unbroken sleep, feeling fine, as he expressed it, and his condition showed marked improvement. The clinical record showed his temperature to be 98 and 98.6, and his pulse 74. This indicated a decrease of two tenths in temperature, and ten beats in the pulse since 6 o'clock last night.

As soon as he awoke he finished his breakfast but was told that he could have nothing until after a sponge bath. He ordered beef, boiled eggs, buttered toast and a cup of tea.

Nurse Fitzgerald said that the colonel was exceedingly cheerful and looking forward to the visit of doctor Murphy and other surgeons to make further examination of the wound with a view to determining whether the bullet would be taken out.

When Dr. Murphy and assistants made their examination, they found Colonel Roosevelt much improved with his temperature and pulse normal and the patient having less irritation of his pleura. His general condition was excellent, they announced in a bulletin.

Mrs. Roosevelt arrived today and was shown into the colonnade and arrangements were made for her to remain with him until he is able to leave the hospital.

The novelty of the situation having worn off, he prepared to look after his accumulated correspondence.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 16.—John Shrenk, who shot Theodore Roosevelt, passed a comfortable night in prison sleeping well and eating a hearty breakfast. He said that he was through talking and he refused to discuss the shooting.

MRS. ROSENTHAL

Tells the Jury about Business Transactions between Her Husband and Becker.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Mrs. Rosenthal, widow of the gambler for whose murder Police Lieutenant Becker is on trial, was the first witness today. She was very pale but answered all questions readily. She said she knew Becker, having seen him a number of times, and he had told her he was ready to do anything for her husband any time, she said. She knew Becker and Rosenthal had transactions and learned their nature about the middle of last April from Becker when Becker had caused her husband's gambler house to be raided.

SENTENCES

In Jail Are Imposed upon Three Men in Police Court.

In default of paying a fine for street drunkenness, Mack Berry was sentenced this morning in the police court to serve ten days in jail. Blank Calvert and C. B. Rodgers received jail sentences of three days each for failing to pay fines for late offense.

F. C. Duckworth did not fulfill his promise to appear at the session and answer a charge of fighting last night in West Pike street and a warrant was issued for him and placed in the hands of a policeman with instructions to put him in jail to await the next session of the court. A cash bond of \$4.60 was forfeited by a dissembler who failed to appear for a trial. Mayor Frank R. Moore presided at the session.

COLUMBIANS TO MEET

Anthony Schulte, secretary, gives notice that the members of Knights of Columbus Council, No. 572, will meet in their lodge room on Third street tonight at 8 o'clock sharp to arrange to attend the funeral of W. Roy Byrd.